

Mike Chrisman, Secretary of the California Resources Agency

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Mike Chrisman California's ninth Secretary for Resources on November 21, 2003. Secretary Chrisman was formerly Region Manager for Southern California Edison Company from 1996 to 2003 where he managed all phases of company/customer business, political and civic activities in Edison's San Joaquin Valley service area.

Prior to joining Southern California Edison, he served as Undersecretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) from 1994 to 1996 where he provided leadership in the development and implementation of sound policy for the state's agricultural industry and consumers while managing a \$190 million budget and 3,800 employees.

Secretary Chrisman previously served at the Resources Agency as Deputy Secretary for Operations/Legislation in the Wilson Administration from 1991 to 1994. He served as Staff Director of the Assembly Republican Caucus in 1991 advising members of the Legislature on environmental, water and agriculture issues. From 1986 to 1991, Secretary Chrisman served as Chief of Staff to former Assemblyman Bill Jones managing the Central Valley member's State Capitol and District offices and specializing in agriculture, water and environmental issues.

Since 1966, Secretary Chrisman has been the owner/partner of Chrisman Ranches in Visalia, a family ranching and farming operation in Tulare County. Additionally, he serves on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and was appointed by U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Gale Norton.